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SOCIAL CLUB

Turnverein will close this month

Fate of liquor license, building not yet known

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The Springfield Turnverein will open just four more times for the rest of the month and then will close its doors for good on Dec. 31, the club confirmed this week.

Club President Cheryl Fennyery said she was not able to comment on more specifics, but did say money was the key reason.

"We did not have enough people coming here to keep it open," she said.

She could not comment further Tuesday saying she needed to consult with her board of directors before making more statements.

According to the club's website, springfieldturnverein.com, which announced the closure last month, the club was opened as a German-American Club formed to promote physical fitness and a family-oriented location for social gatherings for its members. Its is currently at 60 N. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, behind Fitness First on Route 189.

The first club was opened in 1855 in Springfield, but moved to Agawam in 1969 when Interstate 91 was built. The club was moved again to the former Alexander's Restaurant in 2013, but profitability struggles followed to the new location.

The Turnverein used to host numerous German heritage and history events, including Oktoberfest celebration and German dinners. The Turnverein also hosted a few local professional wrestling

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The Springfield Turnverein will close its doors after this month. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



GIVING BACK

Happy to help

Granger School's food drive a 'heartwarming' start to holiday season

By Mike Lydick
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Granger Elementary School students had a special mission last month: help feed the hungry for Thanksgiving. They succeeded, in a big way.

Between Nov. 4 and 24, the nearly 300 students in kindergarten through grade 4 collected more than 4,000 food items. With the help of donations from their families as well as contributions from the school's staff,

the school's lobby overflowed with boxes and cans of nonperishable food.

Granger was among nine area schools that collected food for the Mayflower Marathon — a food drive sponsored by radio station WAQY (Rock 102) and Big Y supermarkets. The food was destined for the Open Pantry of Greater Springfield, an emergency food kitchen serving 30,000 people each year.

This was the third year the

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Fourth grader Mia McGregor stands next to a poster she and her family created for the Mayflower Marathon, Granger School's Thanksgiving food drive.

Granger students, from left, Kaylie Mudgett, Ava Viara, Mia McGregor, Nick Ugolini, and Joann Schmuck sort some of the more than 4,000 food items that filled the school's lobby last month. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

TRASH PICKUP

Recycle toters eyed for savings

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Using a \$96,195 state grant to outfit every home with wheeled trash and recycling toters could reduce waste and save the town hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, Agawam's top trash official says.

Tracy DeMaio, solid waste and recycling coordinator for the town, said the town was recently awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant but has not decided how to spend it. The grant announcement from the state Department of Environmental Protection says the town will use the funds for "wheeled recycling carts."

Converting from the current system of bags, bins and barrels to a standardized toter would allow the town's trash contractor, Republic Services, to automate the collection of trash and process recycling in a single stream.

"There are definitely some benefits to having the one-bin system," said DeMaio. "The recycling does not

have to be separated, and they can be rolled to the road."

Currently, residents of buildings with four or fewer units can leave trash in bags or barrels for a once-a-week curbside pickup. Recycling is collected every other week, with paper in a separate container from bottles and cans.

If the town were to supply standardized toters, said DeMaio, Republic could pick up each bin by machine, reducing labor costs. She also said eliminating the requirement to pre-sort paper and bottles might encourage more recycling.

Currently, the town has budgeted \$775,095 for collection of trash, \$450,656 for recycling collection, and \$558,000 for trash disposal. She added the town receives \$10 per ton of recycling. DeMaio projects the town could reduce trash disposal by about 25 percent and save about \$375,000 in disposal costs in the first year of a standard toter system.

West Springfield switched to the

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Legging it



Sixth-grader Josiah Bass is the first to finish the Turkey Trot at Roberta Doering School on Nov. 24. He ran the one-mile course in 6 minutes, 7 seconds. More photos, page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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Live Nativity at Church of Redemption

All are invited to the Church of Redemption in Agawam to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at its annual Live Nativity from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. The night's events will also include Christmas carols, hot cocoa, cookies and animals courtesy of the Forest Park Zoo. Kids will be able to decorate their own Christmas cookie.

The church is at 50 Maple St., Agawam.

'Give Back Monday' to benefit AHS hockey

"Give Back Monday" at EB's on Monday, Dec. 28, will benefit the Agawam High School hockey teams. Ten percent of the day's total sales, open to close, dine-in, take-out or delivery, will be donated to the junior varsity and varsity teams to help with expenses. Alcohol sales are excluded.

EB's is at 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, and is open on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Retired engineer demonstrates art at TVAA meeting

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association will hold its December meeting and Holiday Social at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Featured artist Joe Burger will demonstrate a simple watercolor painting with focus on composition, perspective, horizon, lighting and the importance of a value sketch. Originally from Buffalo, N.Y., Burger came to Connecticut from the University of Detroit in 1967. He was immediately attracted to New England by its quaint houses and barns nestled among rolling hills, and its proximity to the coast.

His 42-year engineering career was spent



Joe Burger will be the featured artist at the Dec. 16 meeting of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association. SUBMITTED PHOTO

in the aerospace and nuclear power fields and included lead technical, project management and line management roles, until retiring in 2009. Burger always liked to draw and it was therefore, "a good day at work" when a convincing sketch was required to communicate a technical point.

He began to pursue art formally in 2010, beginning with a series of classic aircraft drawings in pencil, later expanding to watercolor and pastel media. He especially enjoys the beauty and human interest found in everyday New England scenes, as well as the challenge of commission work. Examples include a custom still life, favorite beach scenes, family homesteads, an Air

Force commander's F-16, a weekend cowboy practicing his marksmanship, pet portraits, a memorable lighthouse and more.

He has won several awards in local exhibits and is an active member of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association, the Academic Artists Association, and the Arts of Tolland, Conn. Burger conducts workshops on understanding perspective, reflections, shadows and the like, to help other artists on the road to better paintings. His works can be seen online or at his home studio in Broad Brook, Conn. He can be reached by email at ArtbyJoeBurger@gmail.com or visit www.joseph-burger.artistwebsites.com.

Tobacco Valley Artists Association has 170 member artists throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Regular meetings and artist demonstrations are open to the public, and held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Rotary concert to feature Sounds of Music Singers

Richie and Kathy Mitnick and the Sounds of Music Singers present the 28th annual Christmas Concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Agawam Friday, Dec. 11, at Agawam High School, 750 Cooper St. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$3 at the door plus two canned goods or \$5 without canned goods. All funds and canned goods are donated through the Agawam Rotary Club to community friends and neighbors in need.

Master of ceremonies will be Brad Shepard. Featured performers will also include Jessie Rivers, Peter Annone, Conni Lind, Joe Saimer, Pete Scully and Sally Jo Stevens.

Catholic Women to meet Dec. 14

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. It will take place in the St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center at 833 Main St., Agawam. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

In lieu of a gift exchange this year, all members are asked to bring in a food store gift card such as Big Y, Stop & Shop or Geissler's. These gift cards will be given to Mary Scannell to distribute to those in need this holiday season. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Holiday bazaar at Community Grange

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Grange Hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Items for sale include gift items, ornaments, wreaths and more made by Grange members. The bake sale will be bigger than last year and will include homemade baked beans.

Paws-a-tively Delectable will be selling all-natural dog treats, bandanas and gift items along with Tastefully Simple, Blue-Dogs Craft and Decorative Painting by Peg Sullivan.

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'Adopt a Child' for Christmas

Last year, the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club, through its Holiday Baskets Project, was able to deliver 43 food baskets to Agawam families in need along with gifts of clothing for 101 children. In addition, the Junior Women delivered food baskets to 12 senior citizens. The club hopes to continue those efforts again this season with the support of local businesses and residents.

AJWC is seeking help in "Adopting a Child" for Christmas by purchasing gifts of new clothing for Agawam children in need. Individuals, families and businesses are

encouraged to contact the AJWC for more information on how to "adopt" a child or children or to make a monetary donation. Donations and sponsorships may be made by contacting Theresa at 413-786-6515.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is known for its many projects and programs concerning the well being of families and is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club of Massachusetts, Junior Membership. For more information on joining this group, call Christina, membership chairman, at 413-427-8784.

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school participated in the Mayflower Marathon. Principal Cheryl Salomao said there was much excitement as students and teachers collected food. Salomao said Granger strived to gather the most food of the nine schools, and win a \$1,000 donation from Farmington Bank.

Granger came in second in the 2014 challenge, but was hoping this year it could unseat last year's winner, Ludlow High School. Despite doubling its collections, Granger again was second to the much larger Ludlow.

"We were definitely underdogs," Salomao said. "But it's a fun competition for a worthy cause."

Salomao said she's proud of Granger students and their families for getting involved in the food drive: "Without the generosity of the Granger community this event wouldn't have been such a success."

Enrichment coach Heidi Maloni called it "an amazing opportunity" for the Granger community to "pay it forward." She and teaching assistant Tammy Jones organized the collection at the school.

Enthusiastic students

Maloni said students and staff were full of enthusiasm.

"They made our 'Month of Giving' even more meaningful," she said. "It was amazing to see how excited students got when the food started coming in."

Nine-year-old Nick Ugolini was among students excited about collecting a massive amount of food. "I'll bring in as many cans as I can," vowed the fourth grader. He said the food will make him — and hungry people — "feel good inside."

Kaylie Mudgett, 7, said it was important to collect food for the hungry. "If they don't get food, they could get sick and die." The second grader said she was "proud and happy" to help.

Fourth grader Joann Schmuck said she "wanted other people to have a good Thanksgiving." The 10-year-old brought in cans of corn and meat along with boxes of mashed potatoes.

Maloni said a friendly competition among classrooms and generous donations by students' families helped to increase the amount of food collected this year. Students in Room 6, a fourth grade classroom,

brought in the most, collecting 1,117 food items.

As their reward, the class will have a pizza party compliments of Fazio's Pizzeria in East Longmeadow. Maloni said although the competition helped to motivate students, they all understood the real purpose was to help others.

Art can help

One student wanted to make sure her classmates didn't lose sight of that goal. Nine-year-old Mia McGregor — with the help of her family and her 17-year-old sister — spent an evening designing a poster with the message, "Let's Can Hunger." The poster featured colorful illustrations of cans of food, some with thought-provoking labels, such as "Do all you can" and "We can do it."

The fourth grader said the purpose of her poster was to keep the focus on collecting as much food as possible to prevent people from starving.

"It's nice to have the pizza party, but I wanted more kids to know that it's really important to donate food for hungry people," Mia said.

Mia said she felt good about donating food for Thanksgiving because she knows it will help those in need: "I've seen people on the street asking for money to buy food — but not all of them get much. With the food we've collected, all of them will get to eat."

Salomao said Mia's poster was a "very special" highlight this year because it involved her entire family. She added that the father of two first-grade twins also was inspired by the school's food drive. "He kept arriving with cases of food the last two mornings of the collection because his children told him they wanted to help out by donating more food."

Salomao also praised staff members for being "invested" in the cause and giving up their free time to help out. Maloni added that every student and staff member made a difference by collecting, organizing, and boxing the food. Staff volunteers delivered it to the drop off site at the Basketball Hall of Fame on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

"It was a wonderful — and a truly heartwarming — way to start the holiday season," said Maloni.

TOWN ELECTION

Clark received just 231 votes

Half of mayoral write-ins were 'random' names, assistant clerk says, turnout neared 22%

By Michael J. Ballway
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Write-in candidate William Clark garnered only 231 votes in last month's mayoral election, about half of the total write-in vote, according to Assistant Town Clerk Margaret McCarthy.

Mayor Richard Cohen captured 3,040 votes on Nov. 3 with no challengers on the ballot, although results announced on election night included 1,069 blanks and 536 write-in votes for mayor. It was unknown until this week how many of those 536 were for Clark, who ran the only organized write-in campaign for mayor.

No other serious candidate received a significant number of write-in votes, McCarthy said.

"The other people just randomly put in friends, politicians, cartoon characters, that sort of thing," she said.

Cohen got the nod on about 65 percent of ballots, with support in the mid-60s in most of Agawam's eight voting precincts. His strongest showing came in Precinct 5, with 69 percent of the vote, and his weakest in Precinct 3, with 59 percent. Precinct 5, which votes at Phelps School, includes two of the most recent and prominent infrastructure improvements of Cohen's administration, the Agawam Riverwalk and School Street Park; it is also the mayor's home precinct. Precinct 3, which votes at the high school, includes Walnut Street Extension, where Clark runs a yoga studio. Clark lives in Precinct 2, where Cohen got 65 percent of the vote.

McCarthy said staff in the clerk's office did not finish counting the write-ins until Nov. 30. She had initially held off opening the sealed ballot boxes until after Nov. 13, which would have been the last day for an unsuccessful candidate to ask for a recount. The counting process took two weeks because of a high volume of other work in the clerk's office.

"We were very busy with petitions for questions that will go on next year's ballot," said McCarthy.

Clerk's office staff have been certifying signatures in support of 51 different ballot question proposals, McCarthy said. Some of the proposals included multiple sheets of signatures, as many as nine pages per question. Questions that reach certain statewide or regional thresholds will ap-

pear on the November 2016 state election ballot.

Votes by precinct

In the 2015 election, there were 4,645 ballots cast, representing about 21.7 percent of Agawam voters, McCarthy said. Though Agawam's precinct lines are redrawn every 10 years to ensure that they have equal populations, turnout varied wildly from neighborhood to neighborhood. Precinct 2, northern Feeding Hills, saw 739 ballots cast at the Granger School polls, while Precinct 1, North Agawam and eastern North Street, recorded only 477 ballots at Robinson Park School.

James Cichetti was the top vote-getter among the 17 candidates for city councilor, but he only finished first in two of the town's precincts, 5 (his home precinct) and 7 (western and southwestern Feeding Hills, polling at the junior high school). He finished outside the top 5 in Precinct 4, the northeastern corner of town, which votes at Doering School.

George Bitzas, who had the second-most votes for councilor, was tops in Precinct 6, his home precinct, the neighborhoods along Shoemaker Lane and Silver Street, and parts of South Westfield and Suffield streets, voting at Clark School.

Council President Christopher Johnson, who finished third, carried Precinct 2, his home precinct; Precinct 4; and Precinct 8, the southeastern corner of town, voting at Clark School. He finished outside the top 5 in precincts 1, 3 and 7.

Gina Letellier finished fourth in the town-wide vote and first in precincts 1 and 3.

On the School Committee, Anthony Bonavita led the town-wide vote and every precinct except two, where he finished third. Shelley Reed won Precinct 7 and tied for first in Precinct 4. Robert Doering tied with Reed in Precinct 4, which votes in the school that bears her name.

McCarthy supervised the election because the current town clerk, Richard Theroux, was on the ballot as a candidate for city councilor. Theroux was the only non-incumbent to be elected, and will step down from his post as clerk later this month.

The new two-year terms begin in January. McCarthy said the date has not yet been set for a swearing-in ceremony.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Hearts and darts

 HEART to Wendy Rua, who gained a state-wide award last month for her work on the Agawam School Committee and her advocacy on education matters at the state level. As a resident of a middle-class, suburban town in Western Massachusetts, she can offer a valuable perspective to high-level discussions in Boston. More importantly, as a local elected official and as a mother of three sons in public schools, she can give a much-needed “reality check” to the professors and professionals who dominate the debate on education policy. While the wonks continue their unceasing tinkering with state curriculum standards and standardized tests, she can give them the perspective of a mother whose sons are being over-tested and a local official who sees valuable time and funding diverted to test prep and paperwork, and away from the schools’ core mission. It’s a perspective that state government needs to hear, and it’s a credit to Agawam that one of our own is stepping up to give it.

 DART to the City Council for its vote last month to ignore a \$4,000 invoice for the Municipal Golf Course’s beverage cart. Councilors’ frustration with the long list of unpaid bills at the golf course this year is understandable. So is their unwillingness to spend more taxpayer money on what ought to be a self-funding enterprise. And Council President Christopher Johnson may be technically correct when he says that the invoice — really, repayment of a \$4,000 refund that the cart vendor sent in error — is not legally enforceable. But the bottom line is that the town is using a cart that it did not pay for. Councilors, to say nothing of taxpayers, would be upset if a private company were taking advantage of a \$4,000 billing error made by the town. This is no different.

 HEARTS to Kimberly Wheeler and the hundreds of community donors who helped bring back the Agawam Cinemas. It’s been a trying year for movie lovers in town, as renovations took much longer than expected and the opening date was pushed back from November 2014 to December, to January, to May and eventually to Nov. 6, 2015. But film buffs will find it was worth the wait for an upgraded sound system, two clean auditoriums, expanded concessions, a roof that doesn’t leak and climate control that actually works. First-run films now have a first-class home on Suffield Street.

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JAY SPEAKS

Less than 18

Last year’s Thanksgiving edition of Agawam Advertiser News contained a story I wrote about dinner with my family in New Jersey. Scott and Jan belong to a farm-garden share group that provides weekly portions of the farmer’s crops. On the Thanksgiving day dinner, we were blessed with 16 vegetables. I enumerated the vegetables and editor Mike Ballway and I agreed that we had a great number of comments about the article. When I spoke to Mike, he thought we should shoot for 18 vegetables!

When Kitty and I arrived in New Jersey, Jan said it might be difficult this season inasmuch as the root crops were being harvested later this season. I thought to myself, “Jay, Thanksgiving is not about vegetables. It is about family, togetherness, giving thanks, love ... and remember, the star of the dinner is the turkey, not the vegetables.” (However, I was shooting for 18 veggies)

As our dinner began, our two grand-



Jay Berger

daughters made a list of the veggies on the table for me to recap in the Advertiser News. Here is the list:

1. Tomato (there are those who say tomato is a fruit. I subscribe to the Ron Reagan tradition that said “ketchup is a vegetable.” If ketchup is ... certainly a tomato would follow!)
2. Celery
3. Carrots
4. Corn
5. Onion
6. Mashed potato
7. Fennel
8. Brussels sprouts
9. Green beans
10. Peas
11. Garlic
12. Green peppers
13. Radishes
14. Pumpkin
15. Squash
16. Horseradish
17. Soy beans (for the lone vegan)

I lost ... I did not get to the 18. However, Jan consoled me with the fact that if we had some of the root vegetables we would be well over, for example: kohlrabi ... turnips ... rutabaga ... yams.

However, they all tasted good and along with the turkey, cranberry sauce (you noted that I did not include cranberry as a veggie) and pumpkin pie, there was not a single complaint.

Bill and Cynthia added oysters as an appetizer course and TV brought us the Lions and Eagles for entertainment afterward.

Our two granddaughters Allison and Margot reminded us of Thanksgivings in Agawam, where I would take them to play miniature golf, make certain that they would beat me and then have soft ice cream to eat before Thanksgiving dinner. Doesn’t that beat 16 — 18 — or 20 vegetables?

Jay Berger is a U.S. Army veteran, retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Jay Berger takes a break from counting vegetables to prepare one of the “other” dishes at Thanksgiving. SUBMITTED PHOTO

School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main Street
Tuesday, Dec. 8 - 7 p.m.

6 p.m. — Feasibility Study Committee Workshop
Call to order

1. Moment of silence
2. Roll call of attendance
3. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
4. Citizen’s Speak Time
5. Highlights on Education: Phelps and Robinson Park fourth-grade Holiday Concert
6. Superintendent’s Notes
7. Student Advisory Committee representative update

8. Unfinished Business: None
9. Business meeting:
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - 1) Scheduled Reports:
 - MCAS/PARCC — W. Sapelli
 - 2) Subcommittee Updates
10. New Business: None
11. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
12. Adjournment

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FAITH MATTERS

The answer might be “Yes”

Feeding Hills Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation, which is UCC jargon meaning that the LGBT community is as welcome as the straight community — just as they are.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday in Advent. The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday in our local church tradition. Diane Fiejasz has volunteered to provide and serve the elements of Holy Communion. Chris Mangano is scheduled to serve as lector, the person who reads Scripture, and Lori Hare and Sue Boisvert will welcome you to worship and answer any questions you may have as a visitor. Sue will also host refreshment hour immediately following worship.

Rev. Donaldson will be speaking on passages from the first chapter of the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke. It's the story of the birth of John the Baptist. Zechariah the priest had prayed for years for the birth of a son. Now that his wife Elizabeth was old, apparently well past the point at which he could reasonably expect her to give him a son, he continued to pray for this nonetheless, almost as a formality. When the angel Gabriel appears to him, foretelling that his prayer is about to be answered, Zechariah seems unable to accept that the answer to his prayer might, at long last, be “Yes.” For arguing with God's representative, Scripture implies, Zechariah must spend the next nine months without the power of speech, which gives Elizabeth an open field for her

own thoughts and prayers.

Sometimes — not always, of course, but sometimes — the answer to our own prayers is “Yes.” When our hopes and dreams really do come true, what is our response? Clearly, Scripture is trying to get across to us what the proper and respectful acknowledgment of God's grace should be. God had been making this abundantly clear for centuries. Give the poor good news for a change. Free those who are imprisoned, hopeless, without power to move forward. Help others to see what is needed, to overcome their blindness. Bring

freedom where it's needed most. Let justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. Treat sojourners — refugees — with compassion, as though they were your own people. All these things God has told us for centuries. But, whatever we do, when God says, “Yes,” don't argue. Faith matters. Just give thanks by doing the things God had hoped you would do all along.

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The church office phone is 413-786-5061. We're also on Facebook and at www.fhccucc.org on the web. Feel free to contact us with any questions. See you in church?

Rob Donaldson is pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church on North Westfield Street.



Pastor Rob Donaldson

Bird Club plans local counts, trip to Cape

The Allen Bird Club sponsors two annual bird counts in December that help document winter bird populations in the area. This year, the Springfield area Christmas Count, ongoing since 1956, will be held Saturday, Dec. 19; the Cobble Mountain Count (the Westfield area) is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 26. Persons wishing to help find and count birds should consult www.allenbirdclub.org for more details.

The next club meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7, at the Springfield Science Museum, Tolman Wing, at the Quadrangle, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Members will share birding adventures and interesting photos. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Also open to the public is a birding field trip to Plymouth, Sandwich and Falmouth planned for Saturday, Dec. 5. Visit the website for more details on this trip and all bird club activities.

Historical home hosts holiday open house Sunday

The historical Captain Charles Leonard House will celebrate the holiday season with a free open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

The 1805 stage tavern, in the center of the Agawam Center National Register Historic District at 663 Main St., will be decked out for the season as the house's board of trustees hosts an afternoon of house tours,

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Obituary

Edward R. Fitzgerald, 72

EAST LONGMEADOW — Edward R. Fitzgerald, 72, passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 13, at East Longmeadow Wingate Nursing Home. He was born Sept. 8, 1943, to the late Daniel Fitzgerald and Marjorie (Michalek) Fitzgerald Calvanese in West Springfield.

Edward graduated from West Springfield schools and was a truck driver in the transportation industry. He is survived by his cousin and guardian for many years, Bonnielea Stebbins of West Willington, Conn. Edward also leaves cousins Geraldine Schilling-Nordal (Reidar Nordal) of Agawam, Dorothy Maggio of Enfield, Conn., Sister Judith O'Connell of Sisters of

St. Joseph of Springfield and several cousins in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Florida. Edward leaves six children and 18 grandchildren.

His cousins would like to thank St. Luke's Rest Home of Springfield and the caregivers of Wingate of East Longmeadow and Life Choice/Compassus Hospice Care for their years of care.

The funeral was Nov. 19 at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and burial at St. Thomas Cemetery, all in West Springfield. Contributions may be made to Open Pantry Community Services, Loaves and Fishes Program, P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

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Legals

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AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT November 12, 2015
 Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM** for all parties inter-ested in the appeal of Steve Deland-Shibley Court, who is seeking a Variance in accor-dance with Section 180-31 (C) to allow for the construc-tion of an apartment unit at the premises identified as 33 Norman Terrace, also known

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events and was most recently the site of the “Agawam Idol” sing-off. The Turnverein has a bar that was open to the public as well as members. That liquor license will be up for grabs at the end of the year. It is one of 43 licenses allowed in the town of Agawam, according to Assistant Town Clerk Margaret Mc-Carthy. Those licenses range from full service to package store licenses. She said if the license is given up, it could become available for another business to apply for it. Fennyery would not comment on whether anyone was interested in ac-quiring the liquor license or if another business would be opening in place of the Turnverein. According to the Turnverein’s web-

site, the club will be open for limited hours on Dec. 5, 11, 13, and 20, all days the club is hosting private parties. The website states the bar will be open for members and friends of the club on those days. The club stopped opening for regular hours at the end of Oc-tober. It was also closed for three days because of a liquor license suspension that followed an incident at a private party. There was a fight that took 10 police officers to break up. The Liquor Commission cited the Turnverein for not taking proper action to control intoxicated individuals at the party. The Turnverein served the suspension without appeal and reopened for a private party on Nov. 7. The club was open for six dates in November.

as Shibley Court.
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758
Docket No. HD15P2258EA
Estate of: Joseph V Garvey
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 47. Burdock seed vessel
 49. Wild sheep of central Asia
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 52. A fencing sword
 53. Romanian city straddling the Cibin River
 55. Small talks
 56. Not well
 57. Astronomer Sagan
 58. Overgarments
 59. Twist together
 61. Radioactivity unit
 65. Double play

Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 324 calls for service from Nov. 23 to Nov. 30. The department made three arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Jose Santizo, 35, of 15 Hastings St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Jomaris Colon, 27, of 775 Springfield St., Apt. 7D, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a warrant.

Monday, Nov. 30

Jeffrey M. Gosselin, 45, of 211 Colemore St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 75 EMS calls from Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, and the following emergency response calls.

On Nov. 17 at 6:42 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for citizen complaint.

On Nov. 18 at 3:38 p.m., the department responded to S. West Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Nov. 18 at 4:02 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for mobile property (vehicle) fire, other.

On Nov. 18 at 4:06 p.m., the department responded to Oak Lane for citizen complaint.

On Nov. 18 at 5:43 p.m., the department responded to Northwood Street for public service assistance, other.

On Nov. 19 at 7:25 a.m., the department responded to Begley Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Nov. 20 at 5:58 a.m., the department responded to High Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Nov. 20 at 10:09 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for malicious, mischievous false call, other.

On Nov. 20 at 4:54 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

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On Nov. 20 at 9:43 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for lockout.

On Nov. 21 at 3:03 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for smoke detector activation no fire — unintentional.

On Nov. 21 at 5:26 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Nov. 21 at 8:01 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Nov. 22 at 7:45 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for explosive, bomb removal.

On Nov. 22 at 3:29 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for passenger vehicle fire.

On Nov. 22 at 7:49 p.m., the department responded to Vernon Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Nov. 23 at 9:19 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Nov. 23 at 12:03 p.m., the department responded to Cambridge Street to assist invalid.

On Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for false alarm or false call, other.

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toter system in April 2013 and has seen similar savings to DeMaio's projections.

"We would average about 8,000 tons of trash" before the switch, said Robert Colson, the West Springfield public works director. "In FY14, we went down to 6,125 tons."

He said there were some minor glitches in determining who would receive trash service, but the system has worked well since being implemented.

"We do run into some minor issues with people not recycling what is on the labels of their containers," said Colson. "It's not a perfect system. But it has reduced trash overall and increased recycling overall."

This is the second time Agawam has applied for this grant, and the second time it was awarded. DeMaio said the town "respectfully declined" a previous award because it was not ready to begin researching and implementing a new collection program. The town has until December 2016 to spend the grant received this year.

"We would likely have to combine this grant with town funds to make that purchase," said DeMaio. "But it is possible we would consider going to a streamlined system of trash pick-up."

But both she and Mayor Richard Cohen said the issue is still in the research phase.

"We made sure that we indeed applied for the grant so we did not miss out on the opportunity," said Cohen. "However, we are going to do a bid process and our procurement officer is research the different options we may have."

Cohen also said residents should not expect a change in their trash or recycling pick-up in the near future. The town's contract with Republic Services lasts until the end of June 2017. Cohen says the contract always goes out to bid to make sure the town is receiving the most services for the least cost to the taxpayers.

The grant would help purchase 8,800 large 96-gallon recycling toters. The town would have to find additional funds to purchase the same number of 65-gallon wheeled trash toters to go with them. The



Agawam may use a state grant to purchase trash and recycling toters like the ones used in West Springfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

number 8,800 accounts for all current participants in curbside pickup; businesses and multi-family properties such as condominium complexes would continue to be excluded from the curbside collection program.

Although using toters would impose a weekly trash volume limit for the first time, DeMaio said it's possible the town could make special allowances for extra bags during high-volume weeks, such as holidays.

DeMaio also said the town recently received a \$1,500 Small Scale grant, which will be used to put up recycling containers in public places. The most recent grant will be used for containers at town playgrounds.

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AJHS Peer Mediators, from left, Zack Wieners, Zach Moccio and Breanna Couture, all eighth graders, spoke at a School Committee meeting in October. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Peer group settles conflicts at Junior High

By Michael J. Ballway
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Peer mediators “never try to solve a problem,” said eighth grader Breanna Couture — but they do bring the parties in a disagreement together to find the solution themselves.

And they’re largely successful, according to Agawam Junior High School Principal Norm Robbins. He said the group of about 24 student mediators helps with 40-60 referrals each year, and “maybe four or five” can’t be solved by a discussion and have to be handled by adult administrators. He added that the peer mediators handling “low-level” conflicts reduces the burden on teachers and administrators to settle disagreements among students, and is a “huge benefit” to the school climate.

The mediators also take a leadership role in preventing conflict. Last Wednesday, they helped run an anti-bullying assembly at the school in which each of the six academic “teams” — groups of classrooms — put on a skit or performance.

Last year, they started a new tradition at the school, giving out “peacemaker” awards to one student in each grade, and one teacher.

“These students are phenomenal,” said faculty advisor Jennifer MacDonald. “Most of the ideas are theirs. I just help facilitate.”

School Committee member Roberta Doering, speaking to three of the peer mediators at the board’s Oct. 27 meeting, said the group fills a need.

“I’m really impressed with what you’re doing,” she said. “It is so necessary. You can work with kids your age so much easier than the adults can.”

Couture, who attended that meeting along with fellow mediators and eighth graders Zach Moccio and Zack Wieners, noted that the rise of the Internet and so-

cial media have given teenagers more forums for conflict. The classic bully, stealing lunch money and stuffing classmates in their lockers, has given way to the cyber-bully.

While the old-style bullying may have hurt more physically, she said, online harassment can be more emotionally scarring, particularly as hurtful words and images, once broadcast into the Internet, stay online forever.

Adults who went through junior high school decades ago may not have as good an understanding of the pressures in today’s teen society, Robbins said.

“Junior high kids face a lot of problems, a lot of stresses,” said Robbins. “They are the best ones that know their problems. They listen to the leaders they look up to as classmates. What better than another 14-year-old kid to understand what a 13- or 14-year-old kid is going through?”

Though bullying may be more intense than in past years, the presence of peer mediators, and the number of referrals they get each year, is an encouraging sign, said School Superintendent William Sapelli.

“I think the culture’s changing,” Sapelli said at the October meeting. “It’s cool to be nice to people, which is nice to see.”

Alumni of the junior high school program carried a similar peer mediation concept to Agawam High School, said MacDonald, and Couture said the program seems to be on track to enroll a good number of seventh graders this year.

“When we went to the health classes at the beginning of the year, we had a lot of people interested in joining,” said Couture.

Seventh graders can apply to become peer mediators this month, Robbins said. MacDonald trains the new mediators, who then serve for a year and a half before graduating to the high school.

Junior High School honor roll

The following Agawam Junior High School students were named to the first term honor roll for 2015-16.

Grade 8: Genesis Aguilar, Shkurte Ahmeti, Arianna Albano, Imani Barbour, Emily Bazanchuk, Michael Beaudry, Madison Beaulieu, Conor Begley, Brianna Benjamin, Cameron Benoit, Maxwell Blanton, Emily Bonfiglio, Elizabeth Bousquet, Gianna Boyle, Mackenzie Boyle, Allison Breton, Jason Breton, Sofia Bubuza, Nicholas Buonagurio, Jordan Campelo, Thomas Caracciolo, Shannon Cassidy, Jamie-Lyn Cavallon, Aidan Chan, Ruby Chenevert, Joseph Chuduk, Cassidy Clarke, Kiera Cooley, Emily Cote, Riley Coughlin, Olivia Courchesne, Megan Crawford, Robert D’Angelo, Emma Davilli, Sydney Dietrich, Mackenzie Douglas, Mitchell Drewnowski, Jack Dunn, Katherine Dustin, Madison Elias, Hailey Ermons, Emily Fallon, Riley Fanning, Maxwell Felix, Anthony Ferraro, Connor Feyre, Jaliyah Figueroa, Johnathon Filamonte, Tessa Fitzgerald, Matthew Flagg, Emily Fontaine, Jack Frogameni, Olivia Frogameni, Emma Gale, Patrick Gauthier, Nadia Ghareeb, Zao Gill, Emily Gillis, Santino Giordano, Edward Grigorchuk, Jaylee Hiersche, Rhiannon Hodovanec, Matthew Hotaling, Mariel Izoita, Ally Jabry, Dong Kang, Mia Kelley, Nastasia Kirik, Cole Klafeta, Alexander Korniyenko, Anthony Krzykowski, Kristen Langevin, Nickolas Lavrenchuk, Payton Lemke, Julia Lescarbeau, Matthew Long, Veronika Lukin, Torin Lynch, Evan Lyne, McKenzie Lyne, Godfrey Macadang-dang, Ryan MacDonald, John Manale, Madison Manser, Jessica Marino, Jeremy Martinez-Maldonado, Kirsten McDonnell, Carina Menovshchikova, Zachary Moccio, Connor Montagna, Jonathan Murray, Sarafina Nardi, Andy Nguyen, Reynaldo Nieves, Emelie Oberheim, Alexandra Oldenburg, Jailene Ortiz, Suzanne Page, Prem Patel, Mason Phillips, Samuel Polley, Ian Poulin, Geta Preniqi, Zachary Quick, Cassie Reed, Summer Reigles, Madison Rinker, Abigail Rodriguez, Jonathan Rolon, Lucas Rosati, Anna Russo, Antonio Russo, Joseph Russo, Diana Rybnikov, Dzmitry Ryhal, Abigail Sanchez, Michael Santore, Gavin Scannapieco, Angelina Shayda, Dylan Slichi, Sienna Stefanik, Esther Stepchuk, Brooke Szaf-ran, Amanda Szczepanek, Robert Taylor, Emma Thomson, Ethan Timms, Humberto Torres, James Typrowicz, Mason Wesley, Danielle Widmer, Zack Wieners, Amanda Woodford, Marykate Wysocki, Gianna Yacovone, Eric Zhen.

Grade 7: Emma Ackley, Abigail Agron, Mia Albano, Julia Allen, Thomas Arcelaschi, Noor Awkal, Rawan Awkal, Emily Ball, William Balzano, Kimberly Beaver,

Christian Beavis, Demitra Benard, Tyler Benjamin, Brandi Bisson, Sofia Blanchette, Trinity Boliski, Joshua Bouchard, Reese Bourgeois, Madison Braska, Noah Britton, Delaney Brown, Kevin Bryden, Hannah Cahill, Isabella Caputo, Madeline Cascio, James Chenevert, Allison Cohen, Dale Consolini, Keeley Cote, Serena Cro-teau, Kyle Crowley, Gianna Curto, Emly Czupta, David Dagenais, Jessica D’Amours, Justin Davis, Hannah Davydov, Nicole Depergola, Shannon Dermody, Marissa Deslauriers, Arianna Diaz, Thalia Diaz-LaCasse, Anthony Dillard, Andrew Dzhendzheruha, Emily Ehresman, Juli-anna Faillace, Anna Fedotova, Cristina Ferraro, Christian Fisk, Jocelyn Fonseca, Katherine Gauthier, Chase Gen-tile, Samantha Gentile, Ryan Gilbert, Joseph Glaessner, Benjamin Gordon, Joseph Goudreau, Tyler Gouvan, Hope Gravanis, Julia Hampton, Ethan Harnois, Daniel Harpin, Samuel Hodovanec, Sophia Hunt, Ashley Hurley, Vanessa Iodlovskaya, Olga Iovenko, Joseph Jendrysik, Alexander Jodoin, Alyssa Johnson, Margaret Johnston, Lexi Jordan, Elizabeth Kane, Jacob Kibbe, Rebecca Kiforishina, Julia Kirezi, Hannah Krafcik, Ciara Lamoureux, Emily Landry, Evan Lang, Austin Larrabee, Brianna Lasorsa, Brendan LeBlanc, Kolby Lindell, Nina Liquori, Joseph Lochiatto, Samantha Lubarsky, Stephanie Maloni, Frank Marasi, Malia Matthews, Katherine Matuza, Sydney Maxey, Brenna McAnanama, Meagan McKiernan, Siobhan Mc-Mahon, Yeva Meleshko, Victoria Miller, Sophia Moccio, Morgan Moriarty, Sabina Nagiyev, Julia Nicosia, Chelsea Normand, Tia Nuzzolilli, Daniil Oliyevskyy, Eric Olson, Laine Page, Xander Pananas, Matthew Paye, Timothy Polevoy, Joshua Privedenyuk, Antonio Ramos, Raymond Randall, Hannah Richter, Roxanne Risley, Mackenzie Ritchie, Jennifer Ritter, Vincenzo Romeo, Sarah Ross, Christian Rua, Sofia Ruiz, Dahlia Ryan, Olivia Salva, Sage Sarrazin, Jackson Schlosser, Jocelynn Schmuck, Innessa Schneider, Sofia Sergeychik, Makenzie Shean, Kiley Sheehan, Vanessa Shepardson, Anna Shlemanov, Colin Shlosser, Alexandra Shur, Rachel Sills, Mia Smart, Jesse Smith, Summer Smith, Talal Soffan, Brandon Spaulding, Annabella Spinney, Emily St. Pierre, Stephen Steinbock, Rowenn Stevens, Diana Streete, McKenna Strong, Shawn Svoboda, Julia Sweeney, Skylar Thies, Jacob Thomas, Devon Thompson, Rilee Tourville, Athena Trench, Connor Twohig, Josephine Typrowicz, Isabelle Uneegar, Kayleah Unglaub, Ella Votzakis, Jonathon Wat-son, Joseph Weyant, Emmerson White, Michael Winer, Kaitlin Winters, Antonia Wood, Abby Work, Sulamita Yukhimets, Jennifer Yusenko, Jackson Zampiceni, Kevin Zgherea, Emma Zollo, Zachary Zollo.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Special interest programs

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based non-profit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

Elms College will host STEM Day on Saturday, Dec. 5. The theme is “The Science and Technology of What We Eat.” The program will include workshops taught by faculty in biotechnology and GM foods, chemistry of combustion, mathematical modeling, computer programming, physiology of taste, and macromolecules. For more details and to register for the STEM Day, visit www.elms.edu/calendar/events/home-events/stem-day-12-5-15.

Attention sophomores, juniors and seniors: The ASV-AB test is coming to Agawam High School on Dec. 8. The ASVAB Career Exploration Platform is a comprehensive career-planning program that includes a multiple apti-tude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help you explore the op-

portunities awaiting you. Students will be able to identify, understand and organize information about their skills, interests and work-related values; identify suitable oc-cupations to investigate and pursue based on their own skills, interests, and values; and use career information resources to further explore these occupations. See the Counseling Center for details.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad compa-nies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Associ-ate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more in-formation.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the web-sites for more information or an application: the Char-itable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Mas-sachusetts; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; the Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; the Young Entrepreneur Foundation; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Ronald McDonald House Charities; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Schol-arship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspi-ring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Anima-tion Professional Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site in-cludes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: The college student who discovered that the 27th Amendment was still technically able to be ratified got a “C” on the research paper he wrote about it. The professor said it was “unrealistic.” Ten years later, the 27th Amendment was successfully ratified.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, Dec. 7:** Whipped potatoes, corn and gravy, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec 8:** Sweet and sour chicken, white rice, seasoned vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9:** Chicken filet wrap with as-sorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, Dec. 10:** Fresh assorted calzones, gar-den salad with light dressing, warm breadstick, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, Dec. 11:** Loaded beef nachos, seasoned ground beef with cheese, choice of toppings, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Monday, Dec. 7:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec 8:** French toast sticks, baked potato rounds, turkey sausage links, baked apples, or-ange juice cup.

- Wednesday, Dec. 9:** Grilled cheese on whole-wheat, tomato soup, whole-grain goldfish crackers, carrots with low-fat ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, Dec. 10:** Turkey tacos, assorted top-pings, black bean medley, lettuce and toma-toes, fresh and chilled fruit, mini corn muffin.
- Friday, Dec. 11:** French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, Dec. 7:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 per-cent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozza-rella cheese string, juice.
- Thursday, Dec. 10:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, moz-zarella cheese string, juice.
- Friday, Dec. 11:** Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice

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Mighty Mechanics complete year's 1st FIRST meet

By Skylar Thies and Vinnie Bianco

There was much excitement at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Nov. 21. It was the first league meet for Agawam's FIRSTTech Challenge team, Mighty Mechanics, and they did great, landing in fourth place out of eight teams in a very close race.

Mighty is a robotics team that is made up of 11 members. Ten of the members are in junior high and one in high school. The majority of the teams in this level are high school students. Their job is to create, build and program a robot to take part in competitions in which they play a game that changes annually. This year's game is called FIRST RES-Q.

The goal of the game is to earn points by completing various tasks, such as clearing the field of "debris," releasing "climbers" and climbing a "mountain." The matches are two versus two, with partners randomly chosen each match. The first 30 seconds of each match is called an autonomous mode,

where the robot runs a pre-programmed route. There were many matches in which Mighty was the only robot that moved during this period. The robot scored some good points this way in one match.

The next part of the match is called tele-op, where the students drive the robot by remote control. Mighty experienced some technical difficulties driving in a couple of matches that had to be fixed real time. The last 30 seconds of each match is called the "end game." Mighty was very successful driving in this part of the match due to the custom-designed "hypertraction" wheels. The team was very gracious and professional, and showed great spirit.

Mighty, along with seven other Massachusetts teams that make up "The Big Dipper" league, will be competing in two more league meets and a league championship to see who will claim a slot at the Massachusetts State Championship Tournament.

Skylar Thies and Vinnie Bianco are Mighty Mechanics team members.



Agawam team members and supporters celebrate their performance. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Mighty Mechanics team members, mentors and fans at the University of New Hampshire tournament.




Agawam's FIRST Tech Challenge Mighty Mechanics team member Zao Gill precisely places Mighty 5.0 on the competition field.



One of Mighty Mechanics' three drive teams — Aidan Chan, driving, Adam Krause, accessory assistant, and Skylar Thies, student coach — navigate the robot through the competition field with an alliance partner's drive team.

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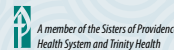
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By: Suellen Duga



More than 400 students set off in the second annual Turkey Trot. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Second ‘trot’ is twice as popular

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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When more than twice the number of students than last year wanted in, Roberta Doering School Vice Principal Chad Joyal was determined to make it work.

This year, more than two-thirds of the school participated in the second annual Turkey Trot last Tuesday afternoon, the final full day of school before Thanksgiving.

The scene in the school auditorium resembled a dance party as the more than 400 trotters limbered up to the sounds of some popular music playing in the room.

Once the buses cleared, the mass

crowd booked it out of the school and gathered at the edge of the small grass field where they would begin their race.

“It took a lot of volunteers to make this happen,” said Joyal. “But everyone did a great job and we were able to include everyone in on the race.”

Joyal brought the Turkey Trot tradition from neighboring Southwick, where he was vice principal of Powder Mill Middle School for 13 years. In its first year in Agawam, he limited participation to about 200 students.

The challenge with holding the one-mile fun run-walk was space to create a course. But this year, Joyal said the race, which is supposed to encourage fun, fitness, and school

spirit grew in popularity.

“It was hard for me to turn away so many interested students,” said Joyal. “They saw what it was last year, and they wanted to take part as well.”

So with the growing number of students, he grew the number of volunteers that got involved with the race. The race went off without a hitch and every student that wanted to take part in the race was allowed in.

Joyal said he was pleased with the turnout.

“It’s great to see how many people enjoyed being out here,” said Joyal.

The event also included a collection of canned goods that were donated to a local food pantry.



Sixth-grader Emily Ottomaniello crosses the finish line at 6:27, the first female finisher in the one-mile course.



Physical education teacher Bill Dillon sets up the race clock.



Cora Edwards warms up for the second annual Turkey Trot.



Genevieve Charette, Kylen Cavanaugh, and Taryn Crowley get some dancing in before the race.



Staff members Eric Barslou and Vincent Sinatore stretch out at the start line.



Vice Principal Chad Joyal makes some announcements at a Roberta Doering School assembly before the race on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Chapter 2 scholars



The Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 2 recently presented \$500 scholarships to the following Agawam High School 2015 graduates. Chapter 2 scholarship recipients were, from left, Heather Howe, Michael Costello and Michael Reed. Viktoriya Maklakova was awarded the James and Ruth Birchall Scholarship. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Horace Smith scholarship, fellowship funds available

The Horace Smith Fund, now in its 117th year, has scholarship and fellowship money available for graduates of Hampden County public and private high schools. Scholarship awards of \$10,000 are distributed as \$2,500 annually and renewable each year until graduation. Fellowship awards of \$12,000 are distributed as \$4,000 annually and renewable for two additional years. Students must maintain at least a B average in college.

Recipients are selected on a variety of criteria, including SAT test scores, class rank, extracurricular activities, financial need, recommendations and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance. Fellowship applicants must also submit GRE scores and transcript. All recipients must be full-time students and residents of Hampden County.

Last year, \$420,000 was awarded to 41 individuals. Scholarships were given to

32 graduating seniors from 16 Hampden County high schools. Four scholarships were also awarded to college students to assist them in completing their education. Five fellowships were given to college graduates, who had graduated from Hampden County high schools.

The Horace Smith Fund was established in 1899 by philanthropist Horace Smith, co-founder of Smith & Wesson in Springfield. The scholarships and fellowships are named for Walter S. Barr, a West Springfield businessman whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to the Horace Smith Fund in 1950.

Completed applications must be received either electronically or mailed to the Horace Smith Fund, 1441 Main St., Springfield, MA 01103 no later than Feb. 1. Applications are available at local high school guidance offices, online at www.Horace-SmithFund.org or by calling 413-739-4222.

Women's Club welcomes Santa for breakfast

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will host the annual Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Roberta Doering Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The menu will include

pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice or milk. There will be pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, letters may be dropped off, and those in attendance may enter a raffle for a new toy. There will also be free books and a story walk provided by the Agawam Family and Community Program.

Santa visit, vendors, raffle at Mill this Saturday

The Mill in Agawam, 168 Elm St., will host Christmas at the Mill from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. The day's events will include photos with Santa, local artisans, vendors and businesses. Refreshments will be available while the sounds of Christmas fill the air.

A "Holly Jolly Raffle" will take place

with prizes, including a day of golf at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course in Feeding Hills donated by the mayor's office.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be used to benefit two local families in need of help this holiday season. All are welcome.



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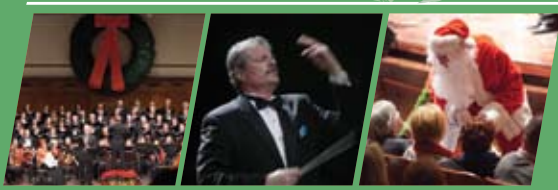
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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Brownies ground rival Terriers

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – For the second straight year, it took a strong second half comeback and the Agawam High School football team closed out their season with a win in the team's final game at Harmon A. Smith Field.

The Brownies outlasted rival West Springfield 34-32 on Thanksgiving morning, giving the Brownies their fourth straight Thanksgiving Day win over West Springfield.

West Springfield's defense was the star of the first half and early second half. But Agawam's offense found its way late in the game to sneak away with the win.

The Terriers went to the air on several plays and would score first when Anthony Costa connected in the right corner with Cam Paier on a 19-yard touchdown pass to make it 6-0 West Springfield.

The Brownies would take over, getting their running backs going. Chris Morassi, Nick Scuderi,

and Marcus Williams had carries to get Agawam across the field, and Max Molta finished off a drive with a 3-yard run to give the Brownies a 7-6 lead.

Both teams traded drives in the second quarter, but Costa connected with Paier with 10 seconds left in the second quarter to send the Terriers to halftime with an 18-6 lead.

The Terriers would score again in the second half to go up 24-7.

The Brownies finally got going with 7:29 remaining in the second half, with Chris Morassi scoring on a 38-yard run. Minutes later, after a West Springfield turnover, Scuderi scored on a 15-yard run.

In the fourth quarter, Williams scored on a 41-yard run with 8:54 remaining. The score would give Agawam its first lead of the day, 27-24.

Agawam's defense was able to stop West Springfield again and Morassi added a big insurance score with 1:38 remaining in the game.

Up 34-24, the Terriers were able to score once more with 30



Agawam punter Spencer Kozlak (40) kicks the ball away. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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FOOTBALL

Brownies, Terriers break bread

Tradition extends back decades

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The lunch held between the Agawam and West Springfield Rotary Clubs is about as much a tradition as the annual football matchup between their two high school teams on Thanksgiving.

On Nov. 23, the tradition continued with Agawam hosting West Springfield at the Carriage House in West Springfield. Included were the administration, football captains, and cheer-leading captains from the rival schools as the teams' leaderships met together in a peaceful gathering before the game.

"This is the great way to start off the holiday," said Rotarian and City Councilor George Bitzas. "We enjoy getting the two clubs together to get ready for the football game."

Thanksgiving and the football game was adequately described as two "main events." The student captains were reminded the football game is only one part of the holiday. The best part of Thanksgiving is dinner with family and friends.

Mayor Richard Cohen brought the captains of the two captains of both teams up to the podium in an expression of friendly competition and unity between the



Agawam football coach John Benjamin with his three captains, Eric Matland, Nick Scuderi, and David Rodriguez. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

two communities. He reminded the players the importance of playing a good game with proper sportsmanship.

"We are all thankful to have this friendly rivalry with West Springfield," said Cohen. "And I hope you boys are able to enjoy this game injury-free."

The Agawam and West Springfield rivalry is in its 91st year, and stands as one of the most storied rivalries in the area along with Cathedral-Westfield and Holyoke-Chicopee.

Agawam coach John Benjamin said his players have shook off their playoff loss against West Springfield and they are ready to come play for their popular tradi-

tion. He said the Rotary lunch is a great addition to that experience.

"This is the second time I have gotten to enjoy this luncheon with my players," said Benjamin. "We really appreciate the Rotary clubs getting us together. We have a lot of fun."

Benjamin says the tradition that goes along with Thanksgiving has not been lost with the playoff games being held before the game.

"It's a very long season and this is an event that all the players are working toward," said Benjamin.

Benjamin also complimented the high school band, which was

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BASKETBALL

Lady Brownies tipped in Whips quarters

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Though they lacked the depth on the bench, the Longmeadow girls basketball team was able to upend Agawam 47-28 in the quarterfinals of the 28th Annual Whip's Sporting Goods High School Girls Basketball Tip-Off Classic held at the West Springfield Boys & Girls Club.

Shooting and turnovers were both areas that hurt Agawam's chances from the early going in the game.

Longmeadow took a 4-0 lead early before Christie Mirski nailed

a 3-pointer to get Agawam on the scoreboard.

After a free throw put the Lancers up 5-3, Mirski scored another trey to give Agawam a 6-5 lead, it's only advantage of the game.

Longmeadow was aggressive on defense throughout the game, but especially in the early going, causing Agawam to make bad passes and rushed shots. This created turnovers, which Longmeadow then used to take a 13-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Agawam made one strong comeback early in the second

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Allison Wheeler fakes a pass just outside the arc. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Sports

GIRLS SOCCER

White too much for Red in D1 girls

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

EASTHAMPTON - A strong effort by the Chicopee girls propelled the White team to a 5-1 win over the Red team in the Division 1 all-star game. Of their five goals, Jocylyn Deome and Bella Eduardo had two each and they dominated the play throughout.

The action heated up almost immediately. In the first 30 seconds Jocylyn Deome of Chicopee put one right through the crease and served notice that the White Team was going to be there all night. In the third, she sent a 20-yarder wide to the right.

The Red team had its first shot in the fourth minute, that by Jaileen Goncalves from 18 yards. It was on goal and stopped by Jenna Beach of Agawam.

The White team cleared and had the ball deep in the Reds' zone. It was not so much about the shots but just the presence of several scorers in the vicinity of the goal. The most visible was Deome and she once again got off a shot at 7:48 and that one went in after hitting the left post. Assisting on the goal was her Chicopee teammate Eduardo. That duo would be heard from quite a bit over the course of the game.

It was the ninth minute that the Reds got into the action. First it was Kate Beluzo of East Longmeadow, who sent a 15-yard shot off the left post. Two minutes later, Janae Owens of Central put a 20-yard shot just to the left of the post and a minute after that, Goncalves had her second shot on goal, a 30-yarder, that Beach handled.

In the 14th minute, Eduardo took a shot from 15 yards that was hit so hard, that it

knocked down the keep, Hannah Mooney of East Longmeadow. In the 17th, she took a corner kick from the left side. Not finished, Eduardo scored at 19:48, unassisted from 15 yards on the right. The shot went past Mooney's right hand and into the far corner. The score was 2-0.

But there was more pressure brought to bear by the Whites over the next 7:00. In the 21st, Deome put a 12-yarder from an Eduardo pass off the left post. A minute later, Sydney Scyocurka of Ludlow put a 20-yarder through the crease in front of Beach. A minute after that, Jen Hackett of Ludlow was wide right from 20 yards and another minute later, Hannah Finn-Erb of Northampton was wide left from 25 yards. Deome had her fifth shot of the half in the 26th minute from ten yards and it was just wide right of the goal. With the ball still in the zone, she picked up an assisted when she passes along the 18-yard line to Sydney O'Keefe of Agawam, who one timed a shot past Mooney. The time was 27:50 and the Whites led 3-0.

After the goal, the Reds managed to get the ball downfield and Katie Fydenkevez of Longmeadow shot from 20 yards and was wide right.

With their 3-0 lead, the Whites enjoyed a 12-5 advantage on shots.

Molly Serra of Minnechaug had the first shot of the second half, 3:00 in from 18 yards that went wide right. On the other end, Mooney had to make a save on the White team's first shot a 15-yarder by Jillian Scherpa of Agawam. In the ninth, Scyocurka was wide left on a 12-yard shot.

The Reds finally got on the board at 9:45,

as Julianna Templeman of East Longmeadow converted a Serra cross from 15 yards. Her shot found the left corner. The Red team tried to close to a point in the 12th as Anna Solitario of West Springfield was wide right from 15 yards.

Back at the other end, Kaeli Serafino of Ludlow put a 25-yarder on Mooney in the 15th minute. In the 18th Serra's 12 yard shot went over the goal.

But the Chicopee contingent was not finished. At 21:28, Deome shot from 15 yards and found the back of the net for a 4-1 lead. The goal was unassisted. Then it was Eduardo, who had not one, not two, but three consecutive shots on goal. Antriese Suarez of Amherst blocked the first two, but she was out of position for the third and Eduardo had an chip for the goal. It came at 27:35 and gave the Whites a 5-1 lead..

The Reds had a couple of late chances. In the 28th, Kylie Casey of East Longmeadow put one on goal from 15 yards and with 1:00 left, Ariella Wanzo of Central put a 12-yarder on Beach.

In the second half, the Reds actually out shot the Whites, but of the five shots by the Whites, four were on goal and two went in.

The White team consisted of: Agawam — Beach, O'Keefe, Scherpa, Julia Serra; Chicopee — Maddie Bernard, Taylor Boisjolie, Deome, Eduardo, Tamara Nicholson; Ludlow — Giovanna Colaccino, Morgan Foye, Hackett, Scyocurka, Serafino; Northampton — Finn-Erb, Sierra Loomis, Alyssa Moreau, Abby Springfield; For the Reds, it was: East Longmeadow — Kate Beluzo, Mary Beluzo, Casey, Kayla Giuggio, Mooney, Templeman; Westfield — Shelby



The Agawam girls soccer team had five representatives in the All-Star game, including goalie Jwnna Beach, Katie Martin, Sydney O'Keefe, Jillian Scherpa and Julia Serra.

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Chambers, Jessica Healey; Longmeadow — Fydenkevez; Minnechaug — Goncalves, Ashley Jones, Molly Serra; West Springfield — Emma Lane, Solitario; Amherst — Rebecca Livingston, Maddison Rodriguez, Jamie Staples, Suarez; Central — Owens, Wanzo; The coaches were Chris Mogavero of Belchertown for the Reds and Brian Brown of Northampton for the Whites.

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quarter, scoring the first seven points of the quarter thanks to a trey from Mirski, her third of the game, and layup by Bianca Culhane. Finally, after another steal, Samantha Stratton nailed a short jumper from the left side to tie the score 13-13.

That was the closest Agawam would come to having an advantage in the game as Longmeadow owned the offense the first rest of the second quarter.

The Lancers nailed four straight baskets to take a 21-13 lead with 3:30 left.

Allison Wheeler would come up with a free throw and Mirski hit a jumper. Jess Lingenberg closed the second quarter with a long shot for two points and Agawam trailed 27-18 at halftime.

Things did not get easier for Agawam as they fell further behind early in the third quarter. Shots were at a premium and the Brownies were completely shut out in the

third, trailing 40-18 at the end of the frame.

With the game well-in-hand, Agawam was able to sink a few shots in the fourth, but was too far behind to come all the way back.

Tom Lingenberg, who coached the Brownies in the preseason tournament, believes Agawam has the talent within their upper classmen to be a contender for the high school tournament this year. He said the quarterfinal loss was simply based on turnovers.

"You can't win games when you have more turnovers than points," he said. "They are a good team, but they need to win the loose balls and not give up as many turnovers. I was really pleased they made it to the quarterfinals."

Agawam had opened up the tournament with a convincing victory over Belchertown. Longmeadow moved on to play Hampshire in the semifinals.



Sam Charette passes into the paint.



Christie Mirski drives for the hoop. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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BOYS SOCCER

Boys stars shine at All-Star gala

By Tim Peterson

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

EASTHAMPTON - The 22nd annual Western Mass. Senior Boys All-Star Soccer Classic was held at the Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, last Tuesday night (Nov.24).

The All-Star soccer match, which was started by John Pantuoslo in 1994, is sponsored by the Western Mass. Soccer Coaches Association.

College soccer coaches from Springfield College, Western New England University, Worcester State University, Rivier University, Springfield Technical Community College, and Westfield State University, attended this year's game, which was played at beautiful Berbube Stadium at Sawyer Field.

The first match of the evening featured the Division 3 and 4 All-Stars.

The White team, which was co-coached by Palmer boys varsity coach Jon Remillard posted a 2-1 victory against the Red team, which was co-coached by Ware boys varsity coach Scott Foley.

"It was a lot of fun coaching in this All-Star game for the first time," Remillard said. "There were a lot of very good soccer players on this field tonight. The final score really doesn't matter in this game. You just want the players to play well in front of the college coaches."

The members of the Division 3/4 White squad, who are from the Turley Publication communities, are Matt Bleakley (Granby), Joao Soares (Palmer), Jorge Soares (Palmer), Rudy Marek (Palmer), Cam Dellatorre (South Hadley), Colin Paleologopoulos (South Hadley), Bailey Emerson (Southwick), Ryan Todesco (Southwick), and Declan O'Donnell (Southwick).

Remillard, who played in the All-Star game when he was a senior at Palmer High School, enjoyed coaching the Soares twins and Marek during the past couple of years.

"I really enjoyed coaching Joao, Jorge, and Rudy during the past couple of years," he said. "All of them are great kids and I'm very glad that I had another opportunity to coach them."

The members of the Division 3/4 Red squad, who live in the Turley Publication communities, are Jonathan Ingram (Belchertown), Ryan Kearney (Belchertown), Connor Curtain (Belchertown), Chris Goncalves (Cathedral/Ludlow), Tyler Graves (Monson), Nate Lobik (Monson), Kyle Craven (Monson), Paul Miller (Mon-

son), and Kyle Hill (Ware).

Hill, who was the goalkeeper for the Red team, made a couple of outstanding saves.

"There haven't been very many Ware players who have played in this game during the past couple of years," said Hill, who hasn't made his college decision yet. "It was a lot of fun playing in this game tonight."

The Red team took a 1-0 lead during the 22nd minute of the first half following a goal by Paul Miller, which was assisted by Westfield Tech's Dominic Rasario.

A little more than 10:00 later, Chad Parent (Frontier) scored the game tying goal on a shot into the right corner. It was assisted by Parent's high school teammate, Connor Hamilton.

The score in the opening match remained tied until the 76th minute when a shot attempt was headed off the crossbar by Ben Bruscoe (Smith Academy) and put into the net by Owen Cook (Mahar).

In the nightcap, it was the Red team pulling out a 3-1 victory.

The members of the Division 1 Red team, who live in the Turley Publication communities, are Matt LaBranche (Minnechaug), Willem Fuehr (Minnechaug), Chris Tracy (Minnechaug), Jack Douglas, (Minnechaug), Ben Brennan (Minnechaug), Tyler Poisson (Minnechaug), Anthony Sciertelli (Agawam), Brendan Garvey (Agawam), Eugene Cone (Agawam), Mike Doyle (Chicopee), Josh Rogowski (Chicopee), and Brandon Bailey (Chicopee).

The members of the Division 1 White team, who live in the Turley Publications communities, are Evan Jurkowski (Ludlow), Ryder Hastings (Ludlow), Keith Venancio (Ludlow), Matt Beauregard (Ludlow), A.J. Mercer (Chicopee Comp), Anthony Stepno (Chicopee Comp), and Collin Stevenson (Holyoke).

Following a scoreless first half, the Red team took a 2-0 lead following a pair of goals by Matt Butera (Westfield) during the first 6:00 of the second half.

The White team sliced the deficit in half in the 70th minute on a goal by Richard Amaoko (Central) during the 70th minute.

With about 2:00 left in regulation, Butera, who's planning on playing college soccer at Connecticut College next year, scored his third goal of the match making the final score 3-1.

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Agawam junior Chris Morasi (22) turns to take the handoff. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Agawam senior Jacob Root (7) tries to wrap up a West Springfield runner.

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seconds left to make it close, but Agawam was able to run out the clock to finish the game.

Agawam defeated West Springfield in overtime 38-36 last year, and had an 19-18 lead the year before, adding to a history of close games between the holiday rivals.

Agawam was able to overcome a great day by Costa, who completed 20 passes in 38 attempts for 265 yards and four touchdowns.

Morassi had the big day for Agawam, rushing for 169 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns. Scuderi ran for 49 yards

on 12 carries, and Williams had two carries for 42 yards.

With the win, Agawam will finish with a 9-1 record, their only defeat coming in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 finals. Agawam will graduate a large group of seniors.

The game marked then end of an error, with Harmon A. Smith Field due for a major facility upgrade early next year.

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Mayor Richard Cohen brings the captains of the Agawam and West Springfield Rotary Club on stage in a show of unity between the two communities. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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represented at the lunch. He said while the players are always focused on the game, he recognizes the work that goes into the entire event.

"It's true what is on their t-shirts," said Benjamin. "It is not a football game without the band."

Agawam School Superintendent William Sapelli said he enjoys being a part of the yearly tradition.

"This is about goodwill and bettering friendship," said Sapelli. "Just like the Rotary four-way test says. This lunch creates that between the two clubs and the two teams."

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Agawam-West Side Over The Years

For the second straight year, Agawam won the game by two points. Agawam leads the series 62-26-3.

1924	6-0 Agawam	1955	33-7 West Side	1986	21-0 Agawam
1925	20-6 Agawam	1956	28-13 West Side	1987	48-6 Agawam
1926	7-0 Agawam	1957	54-0 Agawam	1988	22-21 West Side
1927	25-0 Agawam	1958	8-0 West Side	1989	12-7 West Side
1928	30-6 Agawam	1959	41-0 Agawam	1990	16-8 West Side
1929	6-0 West Side	1960	48-8 West Side	1991	14-0 West Side
1930	7-6 Agawam	1961	12-8 West Side	1992	14-7 Agawam
1931	34-0 Agawam	1962	26-12 West Side	1993	22-0 Agawam
1932	19-13 Agawam	1963	22-2 Agawam	1994	14-6 West Side
1933	0-0 Tie	1964	34-8 Agawam	1995	7-6 West Side
1934	7-0 Agawam	1965	32-8 Agawam	1996	29-21 Agawam
1935	34-6 Agawam	1966	24-0 Agawam	1997	27-8 Agawam
1936	33-6 Agawam	1967	20-6 Agawam	1998	21-14 Agawam
1937	6-0 Agawam	1968	14-6 Agawam	1999	27-6 Agawam
1938	7-0 West Side	1969	30-28 Agawam	2000	17-14 West Side
1939	7-0 Agawam	1970	32-6 Agawam	2001	14-6 Agawam
1940	27-0 Agawam	1971	28-8 Agawam	2002	26-0 Agawam
1941	13-7 West Side	1972	13-12 Agawam	2003	30-8 Agawam
1942	14-13 Agawam	1973	14-14 Tie	2004	42-6 Agawam
1943	7-7 Tie	1974	16-6 West Side	2005	18-12 Agawam
1944	13-0 Agawam	1975	15-2 Agawam	2006	20-12 (OT) Agawam
1945	65-0 Agawam	1976	15-14 Agawam	2007	34-27 Agawam
1946	26-0 Agawam	1977	28-8 West Side	2008	39-0 West Side
1947	13-7 Agawam	1978	42-6 Agawam	2009	32-20 West Side
1948	18-14 West Side	1979	42-15 West Side	2010	20-0 West Side
1949	No game	1980	26-0 West Side	2011	17-14 West Side
1950	20-12 Agawam	1981	13-6 Agawam	2012	50-36 Agawam
1951	34-21 Agawam	1982	20-3 West Side	2013	19-18 Agawam
1952	13-7 West Side	1983	18-7 Agawam	2014	38-36 (OT) Agawam
1953	34-21 Agawam	1984	23-6 Agawam	2015	34-32 Agawam
1954	19-12 Agawam	1985	15-12 Agawam		

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, Dec. 4

THE CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES will end 2015 with the sounds of the Skid Marks at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. All Applause Series events are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE SPECTACULAR at Bethany Assembly of God, corner of Route 57 and Main St., Agawam. 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday; same times Dec. 11, 12 and 13. Free admission. Pre-arranged seating for larger groups can be arranged by calling 413-789-2930. Nursery for infants provided for each presentation.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS SUFFIELD, Phelps-Hatheway House and Garden, today, tomorrow and Sunday. For more information, call 860-668-0055 or visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

Saturday, Dec. 5

SILVER TEA at Academy Hall, 1499 Mountain Road, West Suffield, 1 to 4 p.m. Stop in to this free event before the Garden Club House Tour for tea, coffee and goodies. There will be a sale of Christmas items and a raffle, the proceeds of which support maintenance of the hall.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 413-569-6362.

THE KING HOUSE, 232 S. MAIN ST., SUFFIELD will host an exhibit of "Decorative Glass: New or Old, Useful or Simply Art" today from 1 to 6 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Mill in Agawam, 168 Elm St. Photos with Santa, vendors, artists, raffles and refreshments. Portion of the proceeds to benefit local families in need of help this holiday season.

HOLIDAY FAIR at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall. Will feature local craft people as well as traditional church shops, a bake sale and holiday raffle. Luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds go to the Women in Christ group to help fund their missions.

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westfield Feed, 288 Union St., Westfield. \$10 for 5x7 photo; \$5 additional for digital file. First come, first-served. Cash or check only. Proceeds assist Open Arms Rescue, Inc. help animals in need.

Sunday, Dec. 6

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam from 1 to 4 p.m. House tours, historic displays, seasonal refreshments. Silhouette artist on site - \$35 per profile; \$10 for duplicate copy. Reservations suggested and are being taken in 10-minute increments. Walk-ins will be accommodated when possible. Call 413-786-9421 for more information or to reserve a sitting.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH SANTA and Mrs. Claus, 8 a.m. to noon, Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice or milk. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, letters may be

dropped off, and those in attendance may enter a raffle for a new toy. Free books and a story walk provided by the Agawam Family and Community Program.

BREAKFAST AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA CLAUS at the Southwick Recreation Center, 64 Powder Mill Road, from 8 a.m. to noon. \$8 per adult; \$5 for children under 12. The Southwick Police will also be in attendance to fingerprint children and provide DNA kits at the request of a parent or guardian. Spot vision exams will be performed for free by trained personnel. For more information call Lion Cliff Stone at 413-569-3447.

ADVENT WORKSHOP 1 to 6 p.m. at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. Free and open to the public. Crafts to make, music, fun, food and a visit from Santa.

HOLIDAY CONCERT at St. George Cathedral, 22 St. George Road, Memorial Square, Springfield, 3:30 p.m. Donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Will feature the WSU Wind Symphony and Chorale, St. George Grand Chorale and Progressive Community Baptist Church choir. Tickets available at Baystate Noble Hospital, 115 W. Silver St., gift shop and community development office. Proceeds to benefit Baystate Noble Oncology Department.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 413-593-6046.

Monday, Dec. 7

AUTHORTALK at 7 p.m. at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. to feature Stephen McKelvey discussing his book, "Labor of Love." To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND QUARTER AUCTION in the gymnasium at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee includes two paddles. Wear your "ugliest" Christmas sweater for a chance to win a prize.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

"KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE: A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS" 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Granville Town Hall, 707 Main Road. Topics include Social Media 101, digital footprint, gaming, cyberbullying, sexting, sextortion, Internet predators, and being safe and secure online. Adults-only presentation.

NOONTIME CONCERT at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield to feature the Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir performing holiday music. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email lpicard@sococh.org.

Thursday, Dec. 10

A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE to benefit the Suffield Middle School PTAC, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium, 350 Mountain Road. Over 30 vendors will participate. Open to the public. For more information, contact Susi Keane at pskeane@cox.net.

Friday, Dec. 11

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE at Evangel Assembly, 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham tonight and Saturday, 7 p.m. Free-will offering taken. Proceeds to benefit SHINE, a local charity supporting anti-human trafficking efforts. For more information, call 413-599-1729 or visit www.evangelassembly.org.

Saturday, Dec. 12

A FUNDRAISER COOKIE SALE at 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. For more information, call 413-569-6362.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT Community Grange 382, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gift items, ornaments, wreaths and more made by Grange members. Bake sale, Paws-a-tively Delectable all-natural dog treats, bandanas and gift items along with Tastefully Simple, BlueDogs Craft and Decorative Painting by Peg Sullivan.

A LIVE NATIVITY from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Church of Redemption, 50 Maple St., Agawam. Christmas carols, hot cocoa, cookies and animals courtesy of the Forest Park Zoo. Kids will be able to decorate their own Christmas cookie.

Sunday, Dec. 13

FIRST BAPTIST ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL-SING at 4 p.m. at the historical First Baptist Church at Hastings Hill on Hill Street, Suffield. Attendees will experience an old-fashioned carol sing, complete with hot chocolate and mulled cider, at Hartford County's oldest Baptist church, founded in 1769.

NORTHERN CONNECTICUT VEGETARIAN SOCIETY potluck dinner, 4:30 p.m. For more information or reservations, call Harry at 860-623-8082 or email veggy-harry@aol.com.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A small auction will take place. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

A HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND VENDOR FAIR for Autism Speaks, 1 to 5 p.m., VFW, 63 Veterans Way, Springfield. Food, raffle prizes and pictures with Santa.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. An opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization is looking for new members.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

NOONTIME CONCERT at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield to feature violinist Lani Bortfeld and keyboardist Larry Picard performing music for the holidays. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email lpicard@sococh.org.

Saturday, Dec. 19

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Second Baptist Church, 11 N. Main St., Suffield, 3 p.m. A reception of light refreshments in the church's Fellowship Hall follows. Free will offering collected to benefit Suffield Emergency Aid Association Fuel Bank.

Sunday, Dec. 20

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON THE GREEN at 689 Main St., Agawam at 4:30 p.m., hosted by the Agawam Clergy Assoc. Lighting of the Christmas tree, singing of Christmas carols followed by hot chocolate and cookies. In the event of inclement weather, it will take place in the Agawam Congregational Church hall at 745 Main St.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will host the Holyoke High School Madrigal Singers and Bell Choirs for a holiday concert at 2 p.m. in the Skinner Chapel on Maple St., Holyoke. \$10 donation; \$5, students and seniors. For more information, call 413-532-1483 or visit www.uccholyoke.org.

Friday, Jan. 8

SECOND ANNUAL SCOUTING ALUMNI REUNION

hosted by the Boy and Girl Scout units of Southwick, Granville and Tolland 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All former Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Scouters and other adult volunteers are invited. RSVP by emailing alumni@wmascouting.org or calling Alicia Garcia at 413-594-9196, ext. 7031. There is no cost to attend, and guests are invited to bring Scouting memorabilia or pictures to share.

Friday, Feb. 12

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. the 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC as part of its free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needleworkers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 7: Stuffed shells, meatballs, Caesar salad, apples.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Pasta fagioli, quiche Lorraine, three-bean salad, pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, baked good.

Thursday, Dec. 10: American chop suey, spinach salad, mixed fruit.

Friday, Dec. 11: Baked cod Florentine, rice pilaf, sweet corn, mandarin oranges.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Dec. 7: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, trip to Enfield Mall and lunch; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise, Computer Tech Club meeting; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg,

movie ("Miracle on 34th Street"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge, music with Ted Hamel; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 (no meeting at center; banquet); 5:30 p.m., no Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class, Pam's Place children come for visit and craft; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., pilates; 6:30 p.m., pitch.

Friday, Dec. 11: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 12:30 p.m., Friends holiday raffle; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., no Zumba Gold; 5:30 p.m., Agawam Community Artist workshop.

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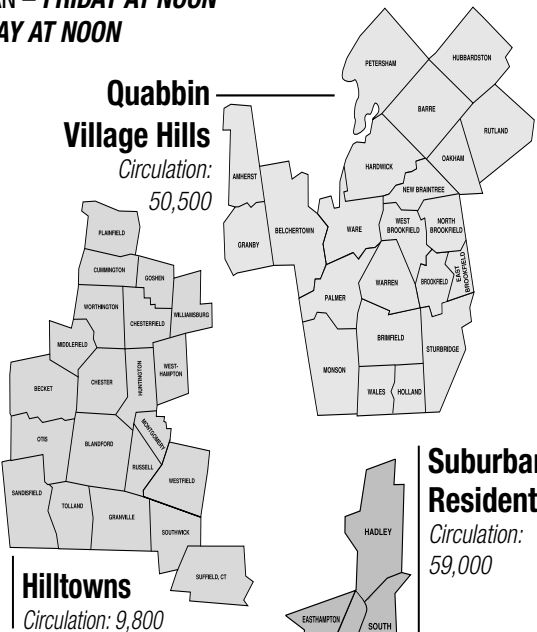
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Our Town

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Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, historian for the Agawam Catholic Women's Club, tells Santa her Christmas wishes at the Christmas Bazaar held Nov. 21 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ICNE helps 'Drive Out Hunger'

Agawam-based Insurance Center of New England partnered with Arbella Insurance Foundation last month to support Arbella's "Let's Drive Out Hunger" campaign with a donation of \$1,500 to Friends of the Homeless Inc.

Located on 755 Worthington St. in Springfield, Friends of the Homeless operates 110 low-income housing units and provides services aimed at ending homelessness and hunger.

"In this season of gratitude, we are certainly thankful for Friends of the Homeless and the work they do for those who don't have some of the basics in life, like a hot meal or a warm bed," said William Trudeau, president and CEO of Insurance Center of New England.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from Insurance Center of New England. Beyond their own generosity, they are leaders in advocating for the needs of those in our community that are more vulnerable, and they have leveraged additional resources to help secure critical services available through our shelter. We all need a friend, and ICNE is one of our best," said Sarah K. Tanner, director of development at Friends of the Homeless Inc.

Insurance Center of New England is an independent agent offering an array of insurance products. The agency is headquartered in Agawam and has additional locations in Gardner, Fitchburg and Lowell.

AHS Band to host quarter auction

The Agawam High School Band will host its first quarter auction Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the gymnasium at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 7 p.m. The \$5 entry fee includes two paddles

The band will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets, Christmas cookies and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to wear their "ugliest" Christmas sweater for a chance to win a prize.

Church Directory

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson
office@AgawamCong.com
www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Church school is in session and fellowship
coffee hour follows the service.
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AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill St., Feeding Hills
413-786-4174
Pastor: Ken Blanchard
email agawamumc@gmail.com
www.agawamworship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 10 a.m.
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.
Offsite Worship:
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

580 Main St., Agawam
(413) 789-2930
www.bethany-ag.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams
WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9am & 10:45am
Christian Education offered during both services.
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION

50 Maple St., Agawam
(413) 304-2313
churchor.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

370 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam
(413) 786-1681
jesussaves.7@comcast.net
Church Website: www.faithbible -church.org
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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P.O. Box 264
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fhccucc@comcast.net
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Church School 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AGAWAM

760 Main St., Agawam
churchedie@comcast.net
www.firstbaptistagawam.org
Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (grades K - 5)
following Children's Message until 10:45
Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation following
worship service

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and
Children's Sunday School Worship Service at
10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high
school takes place after the service. Nursery
available for younger children. A time for fel-
lowship after the service.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

522 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
413-821-0937
Senior Elders Bob and Barbara Olmstead
Email: office@lighthousema.com
Web: www.lighthousema.com

WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday evening Celebration at 6 to 8 PM
Saturday evening Prayer from 5 - 5:45 PM
1-hour classes for children ages 3 to 12
during service
Nursery available for younger children
SMALL GROUP MEETINGS in homes during
the week
(call or see website for more information)

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Feeding Hills, MA
478-9484
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
(413) 786-8200
www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.;
Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday,
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the
Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Harvey Hill
699 Springfield St.
Feeding Hills
(413) 786-6133
saintdavid@comcast.net
www.stdavidsagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Rite II and Holy Eucharist
Sunday school and Nursery during 10 a.m.
service
Coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service
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OFFSITE WORSHIP
Church without Walls, 2nd Sunday of the
month at 12 p.m. at
Parish Pantry, West Springfield
Holy Eucharist and distribution of bag lunches

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

823 Main St., Agawam
786-8105
info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org.
www.stjohnnagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturdays: 5 p.m. Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30
a.m.
Reconciliation: Fridays, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Satur-
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Phantom Sheep returns with free improv

Phantom Sheep, a comedy troupe based in Western Massachusetts, will return to the Agawam Public Library with a free performance of improv and sketch comedy at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

"LaughCrafters" will feature live improvised scenes created on the spot based on audience suggestions, along with a few pre-recorded sketches. The Phantom Sheep Players repertoire includes Western Mass. natives Eric Boucher, Tommy Lynch, Jesse Redmond, Greg Seymour, Jeff Tingley and Kevin Zabawa. They have over 15 years working together writing, performing

and producing shows and workshops for schools, libraries, special events and the theme park industry. They have also been teaching and performing at the Springfield Jewish Community Center and will begin their next session of weekly improv classes in January. This holiday show has been an annual tradition to celebrate the season with the local community.

For more information about the troupe and information about the show, visit www.phantomsheep.com and on Facebook. [com/phntmsheep](https://www.facebook.com/phntmsheep), where those interested can register for this free event.

Holiday SSO concert features orchestra, chorus, special guests

SPRINGFIELD —The Springfield Symphony Orchestra's annual "Home for the Follidays" concert will take place Saturday, Dec. 5. This year's concert features a full repertoire of traditional holiday classics, with Bruce Hangen, principal guest conductor of the Boston Pops, at the podium. The orchestra will be joined by more than 100 voices from the Springfield Symphony Chorus, plus the Children's Chorus of Springfield, Cantor Martin Levson (Springfield Sinai Temple) and the SSO's famous "Tap-Dancing Santas."

Tickets for adults start at \$22 and child (ages 4-17) and college student tickets are \$10 for any section. Kids' tickets require an accompanying adult ticket at regular price, and college student tickets require a valid college identification. All SSO ticket-holders receive free concert-night parking at certain downtown garages.

For more information and to order tick-

ets, call the SSO box office Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 413-733-229, visit the SSO box office in advance at 1350 Main St., Springfield or order online at www.springfieldsymphony.org.

On concert night, the SSO presents its 13th annual Silent Auction, an event that benefits its educational and outreach programs. Over 100 unique auction items will be available for browsing and bidding before the performance and during intermission. Winning bidders will be posted immediately following the evening's program, so prizes can be collected before leaving the hall.

Also on concert night, the SSO continues another holiday tradition by conducting its annual Children's Toy Drive. Bins will be set up by the front doors; new, unwrapped toys to benefit the Springfield Children's Study Home are appreciated.



The Springfield Symphony Orchestra's "Home for the Follidays" concert this year will include a silent auction and a toy drive. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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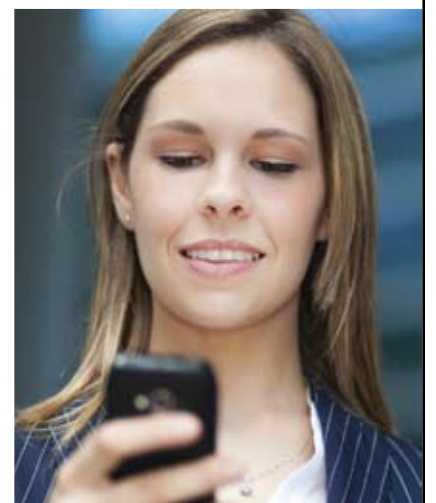


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